Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 09 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Monday 10 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Sunday 09 Jan 2022 at 03:54 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the general synoptic pattern and in particular for windy and milder conditions through next week. The main uncertainty relates to the speed of clearer weather arriving on Sunday.

Headline for Sunday 09 Jan 2022: Snow showers gradually fading from the north. Winds also easing.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 09 Jan 2022

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
70%	50%	30%	20%	00%	00%

Forecast for Sunday 09 Jan 2022

Weather: Heavy snow focussed across areas roughly Ullapool and southwards through morning with clearer, largely dry conditions to the north. This will extend south through the day with clearer skies reaching Torridon and Skye by mid to late afternoon. Clear spells and some lingering hill fog through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% morning, 70% afternoon.

Visibility: Cloud cover will be extensive above 400-500m through much of the morning across the southern ranges while those to the north, and especially across Easter Ross, cloud will be more broken. Cloud continues to lift and break from the north with only occasional patches above 600m lingering in the south by sunset. Chance of whiteout and blizzard conditions through morning, but away from these and below cloud cover, visibility will be excellent.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	24/29 SW	19/23 S	9/12 SE	6/7 S	6/8 SE	11/15 SE	19/24 SE
900	24/29 SW	19/23 S	9/11 SE	5/7 S	6/8 SE	11/15 SE	19/23 SE
600	16/22 S	12/17 S	7/9 S	5/7 S	5/7 SE	10/13 SE	12/17 SE
300	4/20 SW	2/14 S	2/7 SE	2/4 S	3/6 E	5/10 E	4/12 SE
Glen	8/19 S	5/14 SE	5/7 E	4/6 E	6/8 E	7/10 E	7/11 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-10	-2/-9	-2/-6	-1/-4	-2/-5	-1/-6	-1/-8
900	-2/-9	-1/-8	-1/-5	-1/-4	-1/-4	-1/-6	-1/-7
600	0/-5	1/-4	1/-2	1/-1	1/-2	1/-3	1/-3
300	1/-1	2/-0	2/0	1/-0	0/-2	0/-3	1/-1
Glen	4/0	4/2	5/3	5/3	4/2	4/1	4/2
Freezing Level*	600m	700m	800m	800m	800m	700m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Sunshine will lead to strong glare off the higher level snow fields. There is uncertainty in the timing of cloud clearing southern ranges. Be prepared for poor visibility at height through much of daylight hours.

Forecast for Monday 10 Jan 2022

Weather: A frontal system will move east across all ranges through the day, with patchy snow setting in by dawn above 600m but quickly turning to rain at all levels as milder air becomes dominant. Some heavier spells are possible during what will be a wet and windy day across much of the west. Some limited shelter for Easter Ross. Rain clears to wintry showers through evening

Maximum wind: South 30-40mph gusting 50mph, gradually veering Westerly through afternoon and evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% through daylight hours.

Visibility: Cloud will be largely extensive above 500-700m, often lower along the West Coast ranges. Rain below this will turn glens hazy at times, but some good visibility will be afforded to sheltered eastern slopes. Clear spells developing through evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 or 4 Celsius rising to 10 Celsius then back down to 5 Celsius through evening.
At 800m: Around freezing, rising to plus 1 or 2 Celsius for a time through daylight hours.
Freezing level: 600-800m early and late, otherwise well above summits.

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